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U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-10th, of-Highland Park announced the appointments of eleven area students to the United States military academies.

United States Naval Academy: Ben Zintak- Prospect High School, Michael Murtaugh- Loyola Academy, Kyle Schwarz- St. Viator High School, Eric Peters- Lake Forest High School.

United States Air Force Academy: Nicholas Grieco- Loyola Academy, Tim Philips- Lake Forest High School, Jessica Feldman- Stevenson High School

United States Merchant Marin Academy: Alexander Shushinov- New Trier High School, Zachary Carman home schooled.

United States Military Academy: Rebecca Moschel- Stevenson High School, Eric Clay- Deerfield High School

Each year, members of Congress nominate students in their districts to each military academy. A nomination is not an appointment.

To be considered for an academy appointment, an applicant must first be nominated. U.S. Senators and Members of the U.S. House of Representatives may nominate applicants who meet the following eligibility requirements: 17 years of age, but not have passed his or her 23rd birthday, he or she must be a U.S. citizen, and the applicant must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

Those interested in applying should contact Kirk's Waukegan office at (847) 662-0101.